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A RESOLUTION to honor Carolyn Payne of Hamilton County,  
recipient of the 1994 Teacher Excellence Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize and honor those outstanding educators who through an unfailing commitment to excellence and superlative leadership abilities have made significant achievements within their noble profession; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Payne, a distinguished teacher at Ganns-Middle Valley Elementary School, was the recipient of the 1994 Teacher Excellence Award presented by the Hamilton County Executive and Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is a distinct honor to be recognized as a significant figure in the important profession of educating our children; and

WHEREAS, this inspiring, talented, and beloved teacher was nominated for the esteemed award by her colleagues and Principal, Mr. Ralph Miller, who hold her in highest regard; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Payne takes a personal interest in her students and has provided before and after school tutoring, study skill classes, and parent involvement seminars; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent Don Loftis said of Mrs. Payne, "Teachers like Mrs. Payne are a tremendous asset to our school system. We are fortunate to have teachers who are the epitome of educational leaders in our community - those who are strongly dedicated to providing the best education for our children"; and

WHEREAS, dedicated and exceptional teachers such as Carolyn Payne are, indeed, the backbone of Tennessee's educational system; a system on which we depend to produce the future leaders of our great state; and

WHEREAS, it is only appropriate that we join with administrative officials, fellow teachers and students in recognizing and commending Carolyn Payne, a most deserving educational professional; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Carolyn Payne upon receiving the Teacher Excellence Award of 1994 from the Fund for Excellence in Hamilton County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.